

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Transportation Committee

BILL: SB 1234

INTRODUCER: Senator Geller

SUBJECT: Road Designations

DATE: March 30, 2006

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Woods	Meyer	TR	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies the purpose and effect of the designation of roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes by the Florida Legislature. The effects of this bill are as follows:

- SB 1234 designates that portion of S.W. 10th Street between F.A.U. Research Park Boulevard and the Sawgrass Expressway in Deerfield Beach in Broward County as "Trinchi Boulevard."
- The Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides: (1) Legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility, and may not be construed to require any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes; (2) When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, FDOT is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility; and (3) The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, resolutions supporting the designations must be passed by each affected local government prior to the erection of the markers.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The effects of this bill are as follows:

- SB 1234 designates that portion of S.W. 10th Street between F.A.U. Research Park Boulevard and the Sawgrass Expressway in Deerfield Beach in Broward County as "Trinchi Boulevard." For nearly three decades, Amadeo "Trinchi" Trinchitella single-handedly shaped one of Florida's biggest retirement communities into a Democratic political machine. He was courted by judges, members of Congress, even presidents. Trinchitella, 87, died after a heart attack. But he had been in declining health for years and seemed to personify the weakening of the once-formidable condominium vote. He was among the hundreds of thousands of New York retirees who came of age during the Depression, fought in World War II and retired to South Florida. They embraced Franklin Roosevelt's vision of an activist federal government, cementing a lifelong bond with the Democratic Party and playing a big role in the political dynamics of Florida. Trinchitella's neighbors rode trolleys to the polls and faithfully voted for candidates listed on palm cards Trinchi provided. It was not uncommon for candidates to get 90 percent of Century Village's 15,000 votes. Election-eve rallies at Century Village's clubhouse were not to be missed for Democratic candidates, lest they offend the boss. At Trinchitella's peak of influence, President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton used Century Village as a backdrop to unveil their ill-fated universal health care plan.
- FDOT is directed to erect suitable markers.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

FDOT estimates the cost to erect suitable road designating markers to be \$800 (\$400 per marker). The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund. FDOT is also responsible for any future maintenance and replacement cost, which is indeterminate.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

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VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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